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By **Macee Binns** - Oct 1, 2017

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BRIDGE LINKING GRIFFITH PARK AND GLENDALE PASSED

By George Morris and Donald Roberts

GRIFFITH PARK—A new, \$20 million bridge to link the cities of Griffith Park and Glendale was passed by the California State Assembly.

The 300-foot-long span will start at the Los Angeles River Greenway, which includes both the pedestrian and bike paths that snake around Griffith Park's side of the Los Angeles River. It will connect to the Glendale side of the river, allowing residents from Glendale to access the park and the River Greenway. The bridge is expected to have paths for both pedestrians and cyclists as well as resting areas.

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, stated:

"We've worked for years to get this project off the ground. Thousands of residents on the Glendale side live in the shadow of Griffith Park with no way to get there without braving the freeway or driving for miles on city streets through Burbank or Los Angeles.



Proposed plans for the new, \$20 million bridge connecting Griffith Park and Glendale was passed by the state assembly.

"The bridge isn't just a link between neighborhoods, it's connecting people with open space, miles of bike paths, and economic opportunity, all while creating jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and congestion on our streets and freeways," she added.

"I've supported this project for many years and I'm thrilled that it is now coming to fruition," said Congressman Adam Schiff (D-

Burbank). "This investment of state funds is welcome news and consistent with our priority of building innovative projects that keep Californians moving. Hats off to Laura Friedman for her tenacity in making the vision of a bike friendly Los Angeles come true."

"These are the kinds of bridges we like to build in Los Angeles," said Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu. "We are lucky to

have Griffith Park in Council District 4, and with this bridge and bike path, we will be able to connect more people to one of LA's greatest treasures."

"Our river courses through many neighborhoods in Los Angeles and other cities throughout the county," said Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. "Today we are supporting funding that will help connect the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale. Thanks to Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, and our state partners, we will finally see this major element of the Los Angeles River Master Plan come to fruition."

The bridge bill passed through the state assembly earlier this month. It is now waiting on the signature of California Governor Jerry Brown. If approved by the legislature, it will appear on the ballot for voters to approve in 2018.

GABRIEL REED ENTERS PLEA IN WIRE FRAUD CASE

By George Morris

WEST HOLLYWOOD—A concert promoter who conned investors by convincing them he had booked well-known musicians for his concerts is expected to plead guilty to a felony charge.

Gabriel "Gabe" Reed did business under the company Gabe Reed Productions and identified himself as an organizer and promoter of several hard rock concerts, as well as a few wrestling matches for World Wrestling Entertainment. Reed scammed investors by touting longstanding relationships with well-known musicians, showing props from alleged previous tours, and, in some instances, creating fabricated financial records related to music events.

He stole around \$1.4 million from 15 different investors over the course of 8 1/2 years. In one instance, representing himself as a concert promoter, he convinced one Los Angeles in-



Gabriel Reed, 46, solicited over \$1 million from investors by conning them into paying for fake concerts.

vestor to give him \$100,000 for a concert called "Titans of Rock." Most of the musicians he reached out to did not agree to perform at the concert.

FBI officials tracked the stolen money which was used for personal expenses including child support,

costs related to a birthday, and meals at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Mr. Chow in Beverly Hills, according to the affidavit. Over the course of several months in 2015, the \$100,000 "had been depleted," due in part to ATM withdrawals, and the FBI was "unable to identify the

payment of any expenses related to a concert or tour," the affidavit states. The FBI also found he allegedly used another promoter's name in relation to the wire fraud.

He was charged in May 2017 with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, and could face up to 20 years in prison. He entered a guilty plea deal, but his sentence is expected to be shorter. As part of the plea deal, Reed has agreed to provide full restitution to all his victims. A court date has been set for November 20. Investors who provided money to Reed and believe they were defrauded should contact the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office at (310) 477-6565. The case against Reed is being investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Poonam Kumar of the Major Frauds Section.

UCLA RANKED TOP U.S. PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

By Vanessa Arrendondo

WESTWOOD—UCLA ranked first in the second-annual Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education Top Colleges as the best public university in the United States.

According to the UCLA website, the ranking was based on levels of student engagement, student outcomes, resources and learning environments. The results were based on the Times Higher Education U.S. Student Survey, which polled about 200,000 students nationwide.

UCLA ranked 26th overall for best public or private college, receiving a total score of 81.9, compared to top-ranking Stanford University, which received a score of 92.0.

The public university was



UCLA campus.

praised for its campus diversity and inclusion, ranking eighth out of more than 800 universities surveyed in that category of the more than 1,000 public and private institutions that were assessed.

Student demographics include 20.9 percent Hispanics, 32.1 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, 4.8 percent

African American or Black and 11.9 percent international students. In addition, nearly one-third are first generation, with more than 90 percent graduating in 2015.

Leading the list of colleges in this most recent "Top Colleges" ranking were Harvard University (No. 1), Columbia University (No. 2)

and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford (tied for No. 3). Among leading public universities, UCLA was followed by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, second (No. 27 overall), and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, third (No. 33 overall).

Eleven California universities made the top 100 including: Cal Tech, USC, Pomona College and UC San Diego.

UCLA has ranked high in nationwide polls. In early September, it ranked No. 1 in the 2018 U.S. News and World Report's for the best public colleges in the country.

LARRY KING INVOLVED IN BEVERLY HILLS CAR CRASH

By Dylan Gera

BEVERLY HILLS—Journalist Larry King was involved in a car accident with another driver in Beverly Hills on Tuesday, September 26.

The 83-year-old TV and radio show host was seen assessing the damage to both his Lincoln MK and the other driver's Mercedes-Benz after the crash, TMZ reported. Paramedics examined both King and the driver of the Mercedes. King and the other driver did not sustain any serious injuries from the crash. King and the other driver were not given citations by authorities.



Talk show host Larry King was involved in a car accident in Beverly Hills.

King was involved in another car accident in 1958 with former president and

then-Senator John F. Kennedy. While driving in Palm Beach, Florida, King

rear-ended Kennedy's convertible. According to King, Kennedy was angry, but later calmed down and promised to forget the incident if King voted for him in the upcoming presidential election.

King grew to fame as a journalist in Florida in the 1950s, but later became known for his hit series "Larry King Live" which aired on CNN from 1985 to 2010. He currently is the host of "Larry King Now" on Hulu.

KICKIN' CANCER IN THE COMMUNITY

By Barry Chabaei

BRENTWOOD—Hundreds gathered on Sunday, October 1, in the streets alongside San Vicente Boulevard, to support families and friends in the 5K Run/Walk/Stroll called "Kickin' Cancer." Among those who crossed the finish line were young children ages 10 and under, running with their parent or family member.

Funded by the Lynn Cohen Foundation, the 16th annual event, brought food and music, replenishing drinks, arts and crafts, and other fun activities for participants to engage in. There was even a bounce house in the island divider for children to play. An Emcee entertained the crowd with music and fun facts.

The Lynn Cohen Foundation, dispersed at four clin-



Participants during the "Kickin' Cancer" event on October 1.

ics, aims to prevent ovarian and breast cancer among women and families who are at-risk. Founded by the youngest daughter of Lynn Cohen (who died of ovarian cancer after a five-year battle), Amy, took strides at the age of 21 to make an impact in the community, and help women "kick cancer" once and for all.

Over half the number of women who have joined a Lynn Cohen clinic have been able to catch their cancer by professionals. With educational programs, the foundation provides women and their families with the knowledge, tools, and clinical support they need to take action early, "survive," and "thrive."

Supporters cheered and waved in celebration near the finish line, and applause were given. Water bottles were dispensed by volunteers. The emcee announced finishing times to those who crossed the finish line. In spite of the grey and overcast morning, the race went off without a hitch.

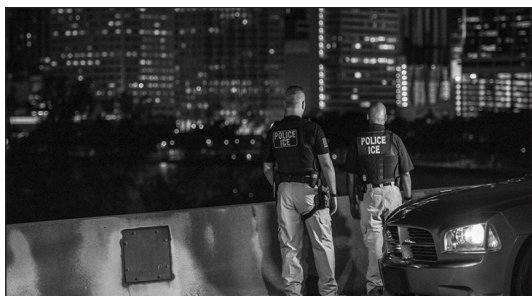
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CHRIS PAUL SELLS HIS BEL AIR MANSION

By Staff

BEL AIR—NBA star Chris Paul, point guard for the Houston Rockets has sold his Bel Air mansion for \$8.7 million. The home sits in the Bel Air Crest region. According

to reports, Paul purchased the home from musician Avril Lavigne in 2012 for \$8.495 million.

The athlete is also selling his property in Wood-

land Hills. The 12,184-square-foot Bel Air home has a 12-seat movie theater, a wine cellar and billiards room. The home consists of 8 bedrooms, and 11 bathrooms and

includes an elevator and 10-car garage.

Paul previously played for the Los Angeles Clippers, but was traded to the Houston Rockets over the summer.

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